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# Office Action Summary

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	Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 1, 20				
3) 🗆	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.				
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		is/are pending in the application.			
4	la) Of the above, claim(s)	is/are withdrawn from consideration.			
5) 🗆	Claim(s)				
6) 💢	Claim(s) <u>45-58</u>				
7) 🗆	Claim(s) is/are objected to.				
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9) 🗆	The specification is objected to by the Examiner.				
10)	The drawing(s) filed on is/are				
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## Continued Prosecution Application

1. The request filed on 03/01/2002 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/342,255 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

### **Double Patenting**

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970);and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321© may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 45-58 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 45-51 of U.S. Patent No. 6,015,200. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because applicant merely uses different terminology. The main difference between the independent claims of U.S. patent No. 6,015,200 and the independent claims of pending application 09/342,255 is that applicant further limits the recitation of "an area on a side opposed".

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to the light entrance face, for reflecting and or/diffusing an entering light..." to --an inclined lateral side face relative to said light entrance face on a side opposed to said light entrance face, adapted to reflect/or diffuse entering light....-.. Claims 9-10 and 14-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,015,200 claims that the reflecting or diffusing area is angled.

### Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 03/01/202 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that Ogura (U.S. Patent No. 6,015,200) fails to claim "an inclined lateral surface that is located opposite to the light entrance." Claims 9-10 and 14-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,015,200 claims that the reflecting or diffusing area is angled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M. Sember whose telephone number is (703) 308-1938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea, can be reached at (703) 305-4939. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-7724.

Any inquiries of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4900.

Thomas M. Sember Primary Examiner March 26, 2002